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PATENT APPLICATION

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May 5, 2004

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the below-identified pending utility or plant application:

Serial No.: 10/042 487

Filing Date: January 9, 2002

Title: HEAT TRANSFER TUBE AND A METHOD OF FABRICATION THEREOF

Inventors: Andreas BEUTLER, Manfred KNAB,  
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Group: 3753

Examiner: Leonard Leo

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FLYNN, THIEL, BOUTELL & TANIS, P.C.  
(FIRM)

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
  - a. ☒ An amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on March 6, 2004, was not entered. Please enter before calculating the filing fee.
  - b. ☒ Enclosed is/are:
    - i. ☒ Amendment/Response (please enter before calculating the filing fee)
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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iv. ☒ Acknowledgment Post Card

v. ☐ \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Statement(s) re small entity is/are enclosed.

b. ☐ \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. \$1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. \$1.114 when the RCE is filed).

a. ☒ The RCE fee and any filing fee for claims are calculated as shown below, after entering any amendments which this transmittal indicates are to be entered prior to such calculation:

| For  | No.<br>Filed  | No.<br>Extra | (X)<br>LG Entity | RATE     | ( )<br>SM Entity | Fee       |
|--|---------------|--------------|------------------|----------|------------------|-----------|
| Basic RCE Fee                                |               |              |                  | \$770.00 | \$385.00         | \$770.00  |
| Total Claims                                 | (40 - 61 = 0) |              | x \$ 18.00       |          | x \$ 9.00        | 0.00      |
| Indep. Claims                                | ( 1 - 3 = 0)  |              | x \$ 86.00       |          | x \$ 43.00       | 0.00      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dep. Claim |               |              | + \$290.00       |          | + \$145.00       | 0.00      |
| * * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * *                 |               |              |                  |          |                  | \$ 770.00 |

b. ☒ Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. \$1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by three month(s). The extension fee is:  
☒ \$840 (i.e., \$950 - \$110 which was previously paid)  
(37 C.F.R. \$1.17)

☐ \$ (37 C.F.R. \$1.17; small entity status established by verified statement(s) submitted previously).

c. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. \$1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months). Suspension of action fee is \$\_\_\_\_\_ (37 C.F.R. \$1.17(i)).

d. ☒ A check for \$1,610.00 is enclosed to cover fees.

e. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 06-1382 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

f. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. \$1.17 associated with this communication or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1382.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The undersigned is: ☒ an attorney of record


☐ acting under 37 C.F.R. \$1.34.

Please direct all telephone calls to the undersigned at telephone number (269) 381-1156.

Respectfully submitted,

FLYNN, THIEL, BOUTELL & TANIS, P.C.

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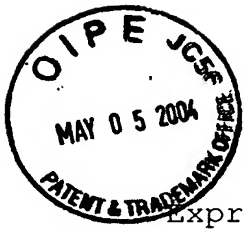


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Document(s) attached: RCE Patent Application Transmittal  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2003,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

(Please see following pages.)

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